FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Another and Severer "Squeeze" in the Money Market.

RELAXATION AT THE CLOSE.

The Coincident Causes of the Scarcity of Money.

The Snow Blockade and the Detained Mails and Expresses.

THE SPECIE EXPORTS TO EUROPE.

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RISE IN THE CURRENCY SIXES.

The Refunding of the National Debt and a Suggestion for Mr. Boutwell and Congress.

ANOTHER DULL DAY IN STOCKS

The Board to Adjourn Daily at Three e'Clock Until January 2.

WALL STREET, FRIDAY, Dec. 27—6 P. M. On 'Change to-day cotton attracted rather more attention, ruling steady for "spot," but firmer for "futures." Flour remained quiet and steady. Corn was also quiet and unchanged, while wheat was in improved demand and decidedly better. THE DRY GOODS IMPORTS.

The total imports of foreign dry goods at this port during the past week were \$977,472. The amount marketed during the same period was THE GOVERNMENT GOLD SALE.

The advertisement of the Treasury Department to sell a million gold elicited bids for a total of \$2,800,000, the prices offered ranging from 111.26 to 112.21. The million was awarded at 112.15 a 112.21. THE FOREIGN MARKET.

The curtain was lifted to-day, and revealed the condition of the foreign market. The quotations of United States bonds are steady and almost precisely as they were before the holidays. In consols there is a wider difference in transactions for money and those for the account, quotations in the former case being 1/4 lower, indicating a firmer money market; explained in the fact, possibly, that next Monday is

SETTLING DAY

at the London Stock Exchange—an occasion the approach of which is attended by more or less activity in money. Eries opened at 49%, but fell off % to 49% on reported failures among speculators, but railied to 49% at the close. The Bank of England directors made no alteration in the discount rate. French rentes came steady at 53.50, the Bank of France showing a trivial decrease in its bullion account, viz., 50,000 francs. The signs all indicate that the foreign stock markets are as dull as our

MONEY IS STRINGENT AND IRREGULAR. The money market was again quite stringent, the scarcity being felt more keenly on account of the delay in the arrival of remittances from the interior, occasioned by the snow blockade. It is just the season when heavy shipments of currency are made to New York, in the natural current of the domestic exchanges, not to speak of the consignments of money to this centre to pay the numerous January coupon and interest dividends of the various railway and other corporations and enterprises making New York the headquarters of their financial business. All these thousands of

THE SNOW-BOUND MAILS and express pouches throughout the country, and their absence is peculiarly aggravating at this time, because the banks expect a call at any moment from the Comptroller of the Currency, and they are naturally anxious to be in the best trim possible against a demand for a statement of their

It is also the season when contraction is the rule in the process of settling up accounts for the year. As a consequence of these several influences the pinch in Wall street was of a most incisive character, the rate on call, which opened at % per cent, running as high as % per cent in addition to 7 per cent. The fear of tight money had stimulated early borrowing, so that after the climax had been reached, at a quarter before three o'clock, there

A SUDDEN RELAXATION down to 7 per cent coin before a quarter past three o'clock, part of which is referrible to the disbursement by the Treasury of currency in payment for bonds bought yesterday, while some of it was also due to overborrowing on the part of brokers who part of the day. Commercial paper was still dull and nominal at the quotation 10 a 12 per cent discount for prime names. Foreign Exchange was steady and firm on the basis of 109% a 109% for prime bankers' sixty day sterling and 110% for

GOLD UNSETTLED-1121/ A 1121/ A 112. The gold market was alternately weak and strong. The opening price was 112%, from which there was an advance to 112%, on the engagement of as much as \$900,000, gold, for export to Europe to-morrow. With the subsequent expensiveness of carrying gold and the withdrawal of a portion of the gold put up for shipment, the market declined to 112. The Suo-Treasury paid out \$4,000 on account of redeemed five-twenties, \$734,000 on account of coin interest, and \$128,000 on account of currency interest. The course of the market is shown in the table: -

per cent per annum to 14 per cent per diem for carrying. The operations of the Gold Exchange Bank were as follows:-

 Gold cleared
 \$37,010,000

 Gold balances
 1,654,927

 Currency balances
 1,998,012
 THE RAILROAD BONDS.

The railroad bonds were dull, in sympathy with

the general tone of matte	rs at the Stock Exchange
me following were the bi	
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Buff, NY & E 1st m. '77 93	Pitts, FW & Chie 1st m. 1043
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Alb & Sus 2d bds 94	Cleve & Pitts 2d m 991
Alb & Sun 3d bds 10	Cieve & Pitts 3d m 97
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Western Pacific bonds, 92	Mil & St Paul 7's, gold 983
Cen Pac gold bds1023	Mil & St Paul, 1st m 93
Cen Pae State aid bds113	Mil & St Paul, Jowa div 89
Union Fac 1st m bds 91	Mil & St Paul 2d m 84

SOUTHERN SECURITIES QUIET,
The Southern State bonds were quiet and dull,

with, for what little was doing, an irregular move ment in prices. The Tennessees were pressed for sale at a further decline and Virginia consols were weak. The new South Carolina July bonds fell off to 23 and continued to be offered at that price during the last Board. The Missouri sixes were firmer and North Carolina Railroad sixes sold at 60. Funded sixes of Arkansas sold at 43. The following were the

CLOSING PRICES. Tennessee ex-coupon, 78% a 79%; do., new, 78% a 70%; Virginia ex-coupon, 45 a 50; do., registered stock, old, 37 a 42; do. sixes, consolidated bonds, 55% a 56%; do. sixes, deferred scrip, 15% a 16; Georgia sixes, 70 a 80; do. sevens, 87 a 90; North Carolina ex-coupon, 33 a 35; do. to North Carolina Railroad, 59 a 62; do., funding, 1866, 25 a 28; do. do., 1868, 24 a 28; do., new, 19 a 20%; do., special tax, 13 a 14; Missouri sixes, 95 a 95%; Hannibal and St. Joseph, 92 a 93; Louisiana sixes, 50 a 56; do. new, 50 a 55; do. levee sixes, 50 a 60; do. do. eights, 65 a 70; do. do. do., 1875, 65 a 70; Alabama fives, 65 a 60; do. eights, 80 a 84; South Carolina sixes, 50 a 56; do new, January and July, 22 1/2 a 28; do. do., April and October, 25 a 25 %; Arkansas sixes, funded, 40 a 45.

GOVERNMENTS STRONG. The strength of the government bond market was a surprising contrast to the condition of the money market and reveals the inherent firmness of these securities. It is quite probable, of course, that a good deal of the buying just now is for corporations and capitalists who wish to avoid State and local taxation in the year 1878 by converting their money into governments, which will enable them to make affidavit that on the 31st of December, 1872, their wealth consisted of these non-taxable securities; but there is also a quiet absorption of them for investment, particularly the issues not subject to early redemption. Thus the currency sixes were in steady demand and rose to 1134, exclusive of the January interest, at which rate they pay less than 5 per cent interest, the

SECRET OF THEIR POPULARITY being their duration as an investment, the government having no power to redeem them under about twenty-five years. We wish the members of Congress would remember this little fact and instruct Mr. Boutwell as to the proper way of re-funding the debt. The following were the closing quotations:--United States currency sixes, 113% a 113%; do. do., 1881, registered, 114% a 114%; do. do., coupon, 117% a 118; do. five-twenties, registered, May and November, 112% a 113; do. do., 1862, coupon, do., 112% a 113; do. do., 1864, do. do., 112% a 113; do. do., 1865, do. do., 112% a 113%; do. do., 1867, registered, January and July, 113 a 11314; do. do., 1865, coupon, do., 116 a 116%; do. do., 1867, do. do., 117 a 117%; do. do., 1868, do. do., 117 a 117%; do. ten-forties, registered, 109% a 110; do. do., coupon, 109% a 110; do. fives of 1881, registered, 111% a 112%; do. do., coupon, 111% a 112%.

DIVIDENDS, COUPONS, &C. The coupons of the first mortgage bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad will be paid in gold on and after January 2 at the company's office, in Boston, and at the banking house of Morton, Bliss & Co., in New York.

The interest maturing January 1, 1873, on the bonds of the Norfolk and Petersburg, Southside and Virginia and Tennessee Railroads payable at New York, will be paid fless the State of Virginia tax) at the banking house of Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co., New York.

STOCKS DULL AND IRREGULAR. The stock market was dull, with an irregular movement in prices and an absence of speculative animation. The clique houses, as far as can be traced, are free sellers of some lines and heavy buyers of others. Some of the stringency in money has been attributed to the locking up of currency by clique operators, who anticipate a rising market with "the January thaw" in the money market, their efforts in this direction being guided by a policy of buying on time at an advance of 1/4 a 1 per cent upon current quetations, the use of the money in the meantime being valuable to them for its depressing power upon the market and its help in enabling them to make an extensive series of

TIME CONTRACTS. The stock sales, it will be noticed, show an unusually large proportion of these time transactions, New York Central being taken readily at 100 on buyers' options of ten days. The more erratic feature to-day was Pacific Mail, which fluctuated between 73 and 74. The gradual appearance of the conservative elements of the speculative class of dealers was illustrated in the further rise in Con-C. & I. C., despite large sales by the Penusylvania Central party, is attributed to a buying novement in anticipation of its connection with the nearly completed Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, with which it will form almost one-half of a new trunk line between Chicago and the Atlantic seaboard. Erie was quietly strong and advanced to 61. Ohlos were rigidly steady. The rest of THE LIST SUCCUMBED

to the pressure of the money market and decfined about & per cent, but was not allowed an opportunity of experiencing the effect of the relaxation in money subsequent to three o'clock, as the Board adjourned at that hour out of deference to the current duiness of the market. The Board will adjourn at the same hour every day during the remainder of holiday week, such being the fruit of a persistent effort to have the governors grant "the boys" a double holiday at New Year's, for which an hour a day until January 2 has been considered an ample equivalent.

HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES. The following table shows the highest and lowest

١	prices of the principal stocks during the	day:-
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ı	New York Central 9914	98
١	Erie 61	60
Į	Lake Shore 95%	95
ł	Wabash 75	74
1	Northwestern 82	81
ı	Northwestern preferred 88	87
ı	Rock Island11114	110
ğ	St. Paul 541/2	52
1	St. Path preferred 77%	77
j	Ohio and Mississippl 48%	48
1	Union Pacific 87%	36
d	C., C. and I. C 37 %	36
	Western Union Telegraph 80%	80
	Pacific Mail 74	71

In Philadelphia Reading was lower and steady

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. Welder Dec 97-10:15 4 W

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COMMERCIAL REPORT.

Cotton Steady for "Spot" and Firmer for "Future;" Receipts at the Ports, 18,154 Bales-Flour Quiet-Wheat More Active and Dearer-Corn Steady-Oats Firmer-Provisions Quiet-Groceries Quiet-East India Goods Dull-Whiskey Irregular-Petroleum Nominal-Naval Stores Easier-Wool Very Quiet.

FRIDAY, Dec. 27-6 P. M. The trade movement continued very sluggish as general thing; but there were, perhaps, more exceptions to the rule than there have recently been. Business men generally find employment in casting up their accounts and striking their bal-ances for the year, however, so that time does not hang very heavily on their hands, notwithstanding the extreme dulness in the mercantile marts.

The cotton market was extremely quiet, and lots on the spot were nearly nominal. At the Produce Exchange the only exception to the general rule of dulness was to be found in the market for wheat, which received a Iresh impetus and ruled decidedly firmer under a good demand for export-the break in steamer freights having enabled shippers to pay the prices demanded during the past day or two, and which showed an advance of about ic. a 2c. per bushel. Corn was in fair request at steady prices. Oats were firm. Whiskey was lower. The movement in provisions was sluggish in the extreme, while prices were to a great extent nominal. Freight room was still scarce, but grain was wanted, and was accordingly taken at lower rates. Groceries continued doll but steady as to value. Petroleum remained entirely nominal. Naval stores were quiet and easier. Metals were generally quiet and steady. East india goods were dull. Wool was extremely dull, but firmly held. Ashks.—Receipts for the past three days, 18 packages,

The market has been quiet and steady for pots, but nominal for pearls. We quote:—Pots, \$8 50, Building Markhals.—There has been little or no demand for brick since our last-report, and prices remained nominally the same. Lime has likewise been quiet and unchanged, quoted at \$150 for Rockland common, and \$175 for do, lump. Cement was nominal, at about \$160 per bbl. for Rosendale. Laths were quiet and steady at

\$2 60 for Eastern spruce. CAMPLES.—The market was dull for all kinds, quoted CANDLES.—The market was dull for all kinds, quoted at 31c. a 33c. for sperm, 42c. a 43c. for patent 40c. 30c. a 31c. for stearie, 28c. a 29c. for paradine, and 20c. for adamantine.

Corres.—There was no business reported to-day from first hands, but the jobbing demand continued good, and the market throughout was firm for all descriptions. Was append current quotations as follows:—kio—ordinary cargoes, 155c. a 1c.; fair cargoes, 165c. a 165c.; good cargoes, 174c. a 174c.; prime cargoes, 185c. a 185c. 3 185c. 3 185c. 3 185c. a 185c. 3 185c. a 185c. 3 185c. a 18

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The quotations are based on cotton in store, running in quality not more than half a grade above or below the grade quoted.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The receipts were incomplete, owing to the storm. The flour market was steady, but quiet. Only a small business was done, and the sales were on the basis of the appended quotations, footing up about 7,300 bbls, including all kinds. Corn meal remained quiet, but there was no perceptible change in prices. We quote:—

\$3.50 a \$5.05 COTTON RECEIPTS.

and oat, 50c, a \$1.

Hors.—The arrivals are light, and the market for the last three days has been quiet, without, however, exhibiting any weakness. We quote:—Domestic crop. 72, 2c. a 55c.; toreign, including all kinds, 33c, a 55c.

Molasses.—There has been nothing doing to-day of any pectal moment, the general market remaining dull and cominal. We quote:—

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bags at 7%c. a 8%c. for Carolina and 6%c. a 7%c. for Bangoon.

SERDS.—The market for linseed has been quiet since our last, but still maintained its firm tone. Sales were reported of 2,000 bags at 24 25%, gold, 29 days. Clover was in limited demand and steady. The sales foot up about 800 bags at 9%c. Timothy continued inactive and nominal at about 52 52 a \$3 50 per bushel.

Tatlow.—Market quiet, but about steady. We have only to note a sale of 50 hids or city at 8%c.

Woot.—The market has been unusually quiet for the past three days—in fact, there has scarcely anything been accomplished, and certainly nothing of importance. Prices for all descriptions remained noninally the same, and will, in all probability, until after New Year, when, it dealers' anticipations are realized, there will be considerable business consummated.

Wissex.—Receipts, 22 bbls. The market was irregular and still unsettled. Sales, 200 bbls, at 96%c. a 97c., closing with sellers asking the higher price.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

Cotton in good demand; good ordinary, 1846.; low middlings, 1836. a live; middlings, 1836. a live; middlings, 1946. Net receipts, 6,329 bates; gross, 7,855. Exports coastwist, 1810. Sales, 1810. Sales Sales, 25,000.

Cotton firm; good ordinary, 18c; 10v middlings, 185;c; middlings, 195;c. Net receipts, 1,439 bales. Export constwise, 265 bales. Sales, 2,509. Stock, 37,427. Weekly—Net receipts, 8,203 bales. Exports—To Great Britain, 4,230 bales; coastwise, 8,539. Sales, 5,000.

9,754. CHARLESTON, Dec. 27, 1872.
Cotton firm; middlings, 19½c. a 19½c. Net reculpts, 1331 bales. Exports constrains, 2,428 bales. Sales, 2,30.
Stock, 49,778. Weekly—Net receipts, 15,225 bales. Exports—Lo Great Britain, 7,755 bales; to the Continent, 2,707; constrains, 0,218. Sales, 5,00.

Spirits turpentine quoted at 55c. Rosin quiet at \$3 for straimed. Crude turpentine steady at \$3 for hard, \$4 75 for yellow dip and virgin. Tar dull at \$2 55.

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Oswwoo, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1372.

Plour dull and unchanged; sales of 800 bbls at \$8 25 for No. 1 Spring, \$9 25 for amber Winter, \$10 for white Winter and \$10 50 for double extra. Wheat firm but dull; No. 1 Milwakee club held at \$1 65. Corn quiet at \$9e. Barley dull; sales of 1,000 bushels prime Canada at \$1 05. Corn meal sold at \$1 35 for bolted and \$1 25 for unbotted, per cwt. Millred unchanged at \$21 for shorts, \$22 for shiptings and \$25 for middlings per ton. Railroad freights—Flour, to Philadelphia, 76c.; to Boston, 72c; to New York, \$20c; to Albany, 84c.

Lake imports—Flour, 3,300 bbls; wheat, 3,200 bushels; corn, 12,800 do.; oats, 26,000 do. Plour quiet; Western Spring, \$7 a \$7 55; bakers, \$7 a \$7 55; amber, \$8 50 a \$8 7 55; white, \$8 75 a \$9 30 Wheat steady; sales of \$,000 bushels of Milwaukee No. 2 Spring at \$1 45, small lots of No. 2 Chicago Spring at \$1 37, and \$5,000 bushels Chicago, No. 3 Spring at \$1 30. Corn quiet; sales in car lots at 52c., small lots of mixed at 53c. Oats dull; No. 2 Western held at 60c. No. 2 Toledo \$2c. Barley firm and improving: Canada, \$9c. a \$9c.; State, two-rowed, at \$9c.; four-rowed do., 99c. Canada, \$1 20 a \$1 25. Balance of the market unchanged.

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The following are the total net receipts of cotton since optember 1, 1872:-

EUROPEAN MARKETS.

CLONDON MONEY MARRET.—LONDON, Dec. 27—5 P. M.—CORROIS, 213 a 91% for money: 91% a 92 for the account. American securities—Five twenties of 1885, old, 29%; 1807, 92; ten-torties, 89%; new fives, 89%; Eric, 40%, Paris Bourse.—Paris, Dec. 27—A. M.—Rentes opened at 53, 19c.

Paris, Dec. 27—P. M.—Rentes, 53f, 5c.

Liverpool Cottor Marrey.—Liverpool. Dec. 27—5 P.

bales for speculation and export. Sales of middling uplands for February at 9%d.

Trados at Manchester.—Liverroot, Dec. 27.—Yarns and fabrics at Manchester are quiet, but firm. oan.
Liverpool Provision Market.—Liverpool, Dec. 27—
2:30 P. M.—Heef, 38a per tierce of 314 lbs. for new mess.
Lard, 37a 5d. per cwt.
PERROINON MARKET.—ASTWEEP, Dec. 27.—Petroleum,
64)47. for fine pale American.

PINANCIAL. A. -BANKING HOUSE

JAY COOKE & CO.,

No. 20 Wall street, Dec. 27, 1872. The Northern Pacific Raitroad Company now has in full operation, with regular daily trains, 321 miles of road. A distance of nearly 200 miles more is constructed. The Minnesota section, immediately on its completion, entered upon a satisfactory business, including local traffic and the large carrying trade of the Northwestern British settlements and the Hudson's Bay Company. The recently completed section of sixty-five miles, on the Pacific coast, at once commands a profitable business between Puret Sound and the Columbia River, heretofore done by coastwise steamers. On the opening of Spring, with more than 500 miles of road in regular operation, the company will control the extensive and productive trade of the Upper Missouri, much of Montana and the Northwest. The earnings of the road for 1873 will be large.

Arrangements for pushing construction vigorously the coming year are progressing satisfactorily.

Of the nearly ten million acres of Land accruing to the Company in connection with the portion of the road now virtually constructed, some two million acres of excellent average quality are in market and their sale and settlement progressing. The average price thus far realized is \$5 66 per acre, which is at the rate of more than \$100,000 per mile of road for the whole grant.

The Company has already begun the process of redeem ing and cancelling its First Mortgage Gold Bonds, as they are now being received at \$1 10 in payment and exchange for the Company's lands.

With these accomplished results and most favorable prospects, the Company is now selling its First Mortgage 7.30 Bonds for the purpose of completing its line of road. We recommend them as a well secured and unusually profitable investment. They have the following elements of strength and safety:-They are the obligation of a strong corporation; they are a First Mortgage on the Road, its right of way, telegraph lines, Equipments and Franchises, and a first lieu on its Net Earnings. In addition to this usually sufficient security, there is pledged for the payment of principal and interest a Land Grant of 12,800 acres per mile of road through the States and 25,600 through the Territories. The rate of interest (seven and three-tenths per cent gold) is equal now to about 814 currency. Gold Checks for the semi-annual interest on the Registered Bonds are mailed to the Post office address of the owner.

All marketable securities are received in exchange on most favorable terms. For sale by Banks and Bankers

JAY COOKE & CO. A. -MONEY TO LOAN IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK and Queens county, L. I.; also for the purchase of city first and second mortgages.

NAWARD & LEAVITT, 64 Wall street.

A T REASONABLE RATES—MONEY ON LIPE AND Endowment Insurance Policies: also on Bonds and Mortgages; Insurances of all kinds effected with best companies. J. J. HABRICH & CO., 119 Broadway. A WALL STREET BANKER, LONG ESTABLISHED, having suddenly lost his capital, is in a position to make a great deal of money for any one who will temporarily strengthen him a few thousand dollars. Address BENTON. box 3,682 Post office.

DULL'S HEAD BANK-FIFTY-SEVENTH DIVI-dend.—New York, Dec. 27, 1872. The usual quarterly dividend of four percent, free of all taxes, was this day declared out of the net earnings of the last three months, payable on and after the 2d day of January next. G. W. WILLETT, Cashier.

CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

1873—JANUARY INTEREST.
The twenty-fifth semi-annual interest at the rate of six per cent per annum on all sums of \$5 and upwards, which have been on deposit for one or more months next previous to January 1, will be credited and paid on and after Tuesday, January 21.

All interest not called for will remain as principal to the control of the con

All interest not called for will remain as principal, and draw interest accordingly, and will be entered on the depositors' books any time when presented after the 21st of January.

The Bank is open every day for the reception and payment of money from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Mondays and Saturdays from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M. and on Exposits made on or before January 2 will draw interest from the 1st of January.

Bank books in German, Prench and English.
Bank 55 Bowery, southwest corner of Canal st.

Extended A. Bunce, Secretary.

BLEVENTH WARD BANK, NEW YORK DEC. 27, 1872.—Dividend,—The directors of this bank have this day declared a semi annual dividend of three and a half per cent, free of all tax, payable on and after the 2d day of January next.

OHAN. E. BROWN, Cashler. MANHATTAN SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
644 AND 646 BROADWAY, CORNER BLEECKER ST.,
NEW YORK, Dec. 26, 1872.

Forty-fourth Semi-annual Dividend.

The trustees of this institution have declared the forty-fourth semi-annual dividend, at the rate of six per cent per annum, on all sums that have remained on deposit for three or six months previous to January 1, 1873, payable on and siter the third Monday in January.

All dividends not withdrawn will receive interest the same as a deposit.

E. J. BROWN. President EDWARD SCHELL, Treasurer. C. F. ALVORD, Secretary.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITU-

M BUHANICS AND TRADERS' BAVINGS INSTITUNO. 283 Bowery, near Houston street.
INTEREST.
A semi-annual dividend of six per cent per annum will
be credited January I on all sum-entitled thereto for the
six months and three months ending December 31. Payable on and after January 29, 1873.
Interest not withdrawn will be credited as a deposit.
Money deposited now will draw interest from January 1. Money deposited from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 to 7.

HENRY C. PISHER, Secretary.

NEW YORK, DEC. 26, 1872.

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To the New York Herald.—The interest maturing January I, 1873, on the Coupon Bonds of the Nortolk and Petersburg, Southside, and Virginia and Tennessee Sailroads, payable at New Sanding House of Messra. Buncan, or Virginia 18x3) at the Banking House of Messra. Buncan, Sherman & Oo., New York. Signed.

Sherman & Oo., New York.

No BONUS:-\$20,000 TO LOAN ON FIRST CLASS city improved property. None but principals need address J. F., Herald office.

OFFICE OF THE CANADA SOUTHERN RAILWAY Company, 13 William street, New York, Dec. 24, J. Company, 13 William Steers Tannary 1, 1873, on the first mortgage bonds of the Canada Southern Railway Company will be paid on and after the 2d prox. at the Union Trust Company of New York, 73 Broadway.

M. COURTRIGHT,

President

OFFICE OF THE CHESAPEANE AND OHIO RAILROAD CORPANY, NO. 54 WILLIAN STREET,
The Coupons of the Seven Per Cent Debenture Honds of
the Chesapeako and Ohio Raitroad Company, due January 1, 1873, will be paid, in gold coin, at the office of
Messrs. Fisk & Hatch, No. 5 Nasau street, on and after
January 2. C. F. HUNTINGTON, President.

OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD
COMPANY, 54 WILLIAM STREET,
NEW YORK, Dec. 20, 1872.
The Coupons of the First Morigage Bonds of the Central
Pacific Railroad Company, the Western Pacific Railroad
Company and the California and Oregon Railroad Company, due January 1, 1873, will be paid, in gold, at the
office of Messrs. Fisk & Hatch, No. 5 Nasans street.
Schedules of 20 or more coupons may now be presented,
for which checks will be ready January 2,
C. P. HUNTINGTON, Vice President.

ORIENTAL SAVINGS BANK,
436 Grand street.
Interest from the 1st of every month.

UNION PACIFIC RAILBOAD COMPANY, BOSTON, Dec. 37, 1872.—The coupons of the First Mortage Bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, due January I, 1873, will be paid in gold, free of government tax, our and aiter January 2, a the office of the company, in Boston, and at the banking house of Morton, Bliss & Uo., in New York. Schedules of coupons will be received to examination.

B. H. ROLLINS, Treasurer. WANTED-A LOAN OF \$10,000, SECURED BY FIRST mortgage on unimproved property in city of Chicago; the property is worth three times the amount asked for. Address box 1,882 Post office, New York.

\$5,000 TO LOAN-FOR THREE OR FIVE years, on first mortgage, improved or unimproved city property; principals dealt with only. Address WILLIAM, 615 West Thirty-second street.

COPARTNERSHIPS. M. M. HOLZMAN HAS THIS DAY WITHDRAWN SAMUELS & HOLZMAN.
JACOB J. SAMUELS.
JACOB J. S LITERARY CHIT-CHAT.

GRACE GREENWOOD'S "New Life in New Lands," eingher notes of travel in Western America, will be brought out in book form by J. B. Ford & Co.

THE Athenaum raises a wall-bred protest against the "indiscretion" of Baron Stockmar's memoirs, just out in London, as publishing documents and secrets of State during the lifetime of their authors. Baron Stockmar was physician to the royal family of England, and his son, in publishing these memoirs, has used all his materials, without retrenchment. The "vain and meddlesome old gentieman," as the Athenæum calls him, makes out Wellington to have been a pompous and rather.

weak-minded man, Lord Derby "a frivolous ar crat," Palmerston an insane innovator and Guizos a "vain, irritable and ambitious Frenchman." THE Spectator points out that Warwickshire, which produced by far the greatest of English authors—Shakspeare—has also produced by far the greatest of English authoresses—George Ellot—

the author of "Middlemarch." DR. WHEWELL'S memoirs and letters will soon

be published in London. A COPY OF A PROOF of an article in the Paris Globe, of 1830, corrected in lead pencil by Adolphe Thiers, was recently sold in that city for sixty-five francs.

THE RICHEST UNIVERSITY in the world is that of Leyden, in Holland. Its real estate alone is worth over four million dollars. "Mr. Gladstone's passion for Homer" furnishes

the Spectator material for a leader. The Premier said recently in public:—"Every day must begin for me with my old friend Homer; the friend of my youth, the triend of my middle age and of my old age; from whom I hope never to be parted as long: as I have my faculties, or any breath in my body."

THE LEADING ENGLISH magazines pay only about a guinea a page for contributions. This was Dickens' ordinary price per column to the writers' in All the Year Round. The same writer got only ten shillings a page for his sketches by "Boz" in the New Monthly, which, however, paid Charles Lamb what was then regarded the high price of a guinea and a half (eight dollars) a page for the "Essays of Ella." The Edinburgh and Quarterty began by paying £10 10s. a sheet of sixteen pages for contribution. This was soon doubled to leading contributors, and Macaulay even commanded fifty guineas a sheet (or sixteen dollars a page) for his incomparable essays.

PRINCE Napoleon has a number of books ready for the press, especially one on the life and character of Maximilian Robespierre, but at the request of the ex-Emperor the Prince withholds them from

To Look THROUGH the MS. of Macaulay's articles. to correct his proofs and to hear him read a page or two of his history in Ms., formed the pleasantest of the critical labors of Francis Jeffrey Guring the closing years of his life. He revised every page of the first two volumes of the "History of England," punctuating the proofs at seventy-four with all the skill and care of Messrs. Longman's own reader. This task of punctuating proofs was one that Jeffrey particularly plumed himself upon. "This," he used to say playfully, "is the department of literature in which I feet that I most excel, and on which, therefore, I am most willing now to stake my reputation."

THE REV. DR. RANKIN, & "Congregationalist" minister in Washington, is versatile enough to have written a volume of poems in the Scottish dialect, which D. Lothrop & Co., of Boston, will

NEW YORK CITY.

The Comptroller paid yesterday to the Departs' ment of Public Parks, for current expenses \$50,000.

In consequence of Thursday's storm Mr. Hepworth's Sunday School will hold their Christma estival to-morrow at three P. M., in Rutger's

Professor Tyndail has transposed the two last lectures of his course. He will to-night take up the "Relations of Light and Radiant Heat," and treat of "Spectrum Analysis" in the last lecture on next Tuesday evening.

The pay-rolls of the foremen and others engaged in laying thirty-six-inch mains and small pipes, and also those of the paviors on the streets will be paid to-day at the Comptroller's office, as the workmen are not engaged upon the line of the work.

Ann Claucey, an Irishwoman, thirty-one years of

age, was taken to the Fourth precinct station on Thursday night, while in a state of intoxication, and Dr. Hemingway called, as she seemed to refrom exhaustion. Coroner Young was notified The above was the subject of a very interesting

lecture delivered last evening before the Pyrotechnic branch of the American Institute by Dr. A. J. Ebell. The lecture was very interesting, covering as it did the order of insects in all classes of the animal kingdom and the various transformations under which they pass, from the egg to the imago, or adult life.

Nearly all the railroad and stage companies, believing that the streets would not be cleaned by the authorities for several days, last night put on the authorities for several days, last night put of details of men and horses and carted away the snow from the lines of their travel. Between seven o'clock and midnight the Bowery, from Chatham square to Cooper Union, and Broadway from Ann street to Union Square were relieved of the snow. The routes of the other railroad lines were similarly treated, and it is safe to say that this morning there will be little or no interruption to travel.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the officers of the Orphans' Home and Asylum of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was held yesterday at the Asylum, Forty-ninth street and Lexington avenue. In consequence of the inclement weather the attendance was small. The treasurer's report shows a ance was smail. The treasurer's report shows a baiance to the credit of the institution of \$361, together with three United States bonds of \$1,000 each. The officers elected for the ensuing year were:—First Directress, Mrs. Eugene Dutlin; Second Directress, Miss Anna Potter; Secretary, Miss Anna L. Peck; Treasurer, Miss Mary S. Jones; Trustee of Permanent Fund, Mr. William Alexander Smith; Committee on Receiving and Dismissing Children, Miss Annie M. Barnes, Mrs. Arness Fink, Miss M. L. Van Wagenen, Secretary.

DETENTION OF THE MAILS.

The following report of the arrival and detention of mails, given to a HERALD representative last evening by the Post Office Superintendent, will show the disastrous and disagreeable effects of the recent snow storm on the news communication and personal correspondence from one part of the country to the other.

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The Boston mails which arrived yesterday were as follows:—One at twenty minutes after six o'clock in the morning, due the evening previous; o'clock in the morning, due the evening previous; one at seven o'clock P. M., due about seven o'clock in the morning, and one at nine o'clock P. M., which was due at six o'clock A. M.

The South, or Washington mail, due at six o'clock A. M. yesterday had not arrived at ten o'clock last night. Only one mail, at ten minutes past one P. M., arrived by this line yesterday, and that was some ten hours behind time.

The North mail, due at eleven o'clock P. M. on Thursday, the 28th, did not arrive until six o'clock P. M. on yesterday, the 27th. Another mail arrived at ten minutes to eight P. M. yesterday by this line, which was due in the forenoon.

The Central New Jersey mails arrived at twenty-five minutes past one P. M. and at fifteen minutes past eight P. M. yesterday, each a few hours behind time.

The Eric line sent but one mail yesterday, which

The Eric line sent but one mail yesterday, which arrived at ten minutes past five P. M. No other mail by this line had arrived up to ten o'clock last

ight.
The Morristown mail arrived at seven o'clock P. The Morristown mall arrived at seven o'clock P. M. No other arrivals were amnounced on this line up to ten o'clock last night.

The Superintendent further informed the Herald representative that he had been receiving during yesterday letters which were stamped with the date of and due on the day previous. No telegram despatches had been received at the Post Office relative to the detention of mails, and on this account all has been attributed so far to the effects of the severe snow storm.

POLICE MATTERS.

At a meeting of the Board of Police Commis sioners held yesterday afternoon Mr. Henry Smith was reinstalled in his position of President of the Board. Commissioners Manterre and Bosworth. did not seem to like giving up the temporary power with which Commissioner Manierre had been invested, but they were so pushed by circumstances that they were compelled to give a rejuctant assent. President Smith immediately assumed the duties of his office.